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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

PROBLEM: (C) To document discussion concerning Congressional Inquiry related to parapsychology.

FACTS AND DISCUSSION:

1. (U) In response to a 28 November 1977 Congressional Inquiry by Mr. Giza, staff member, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, the following people met with Mr. Giza on 12 December 1977:

Mr. Dale Graff, FTD/XRQ
Lt Col Michael Bloom, AF/INY
Lt Col Frederick Dunlap, AF/INA
Maj Jack Drantell, SAF/LL

2. (C) As preliminary remarks Mr. Giza stated that he was conducting the inquiry for a committee member, not identified by name, who had read a 7 August 1977 Washington Post article, "Psychic Spying", written by Mr. John L. Wilhelm. Mr. Giza had already spoken with several people from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) who had indicated to him that the Foreign Technology Division (FTD) was sponsoring experiments, and had a continuing interest in parapsychology.

3. (S) Mr. Graff explained that FTD had received a task from the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), in December 1976, to produce an assessment of the threat posed by parapsychology research conducted in the Warsaw Pact.

4. (S) The experiments sponsored by FTD were described at length by Mr. Graff. The Stanford Research Institute, under contract to FTD, had conducted experiments in remote viewing. The objective of the experiments was to provide a basis of comparison to evaluate data. At the request of Mr. Giza a copy of the contract final report was left with the committee.

5. (U) In response to a question by Mr. Giza it was established that the FTD study, now in draft review by AF/INA, had predominantly used open source literature.

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6. (S) During the description of the SRI experiments, Mr. Giza asked if FTD had attempted to use remote viewing for collection of foreign intelligence. Mr. Graff explained that several experiments were conducted where the object for remote viewing was within the Soviet Union. However, the objective of the experiment was not intelligence but an attempt to use an object which the viewer could not have had prior access to, or any preconceived knowledge.

7. (U) During the discussion it was pointed out that the FTD Commanders policy was to conduct the DIA study and, based upon the findings, decide if further analytic effort at FTD is warranted. Follow-on contracts with SRI, or others, is entirely contingent upon a renewal of tasking by DIA. The decision for renewed tasking will probably be made in January 1978, following DIA review of the initial FTD study.

8. (U) Mr. Giza stated that if he wrote a report to the committee on his total inquiry, he would make that report available to the Air Force through SAW/LL.

9. (U) Copies of the FTD draft study, Parapsychology RAPC Warsaw Pact (U), DIA Task PT-1810-19-76, and the SRI final report, Advanced Threat Technique Assessment (U), SRI-7-4375, are being retained by AF/INYSA and AF/INAKA.

ACTION OFFICER: Lt Col Michael Bloom, AF/INYSA, 51357.